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VINCENNES MAN CHARGED WITH RECEIPT AND POSSESSION OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL INVOLVING MINORS

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced today that Jonathan David Martin, 29, Vincennes, Ind., was charged on Thursday, March 10, 2011, by complaint with possession and receipt of sexually explicit material involving minors, following an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Indiana State Police.

The complaint alleges that between September 1, 2009 and March 7, 2011, Martin, possessed and received sexually explicit material involving minors.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Martin faces a maximum of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for possession of sexually explicit material involving minors and not more than 10 years for receipt of sexually explicit material involving minors. Following an initial hearing held on March 11, 2011, before U.S. Magistrate Judge Craig McKee, Martin was ordered detained in the custody of the United States Marshal pending disposition of this case.

This case was brought as a part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of Justice launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood uses federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please see www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

A complaint is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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